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For : **CHARGING SYSTEM FOR MOBILE ROBOT, METHOD
FOR SEARCHING CHARGING STATION, MOBILE
ROBOT, CONNECTOR, AND ELECTRICAL
CONNECTION STRUCTURE**

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on July 19, 2002, requiring an election of species among those species readable on

Figures 7-9, 10-12, 13-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-24, 25-26, 27-28, 29, 30-32, 33-36, and 39, respectively.

It is submitted that claims 1-43 are readable on the above-identified drawing figures as follows:

Group I, Figs. 7-9, upon which claims 1-21, 33-35, and 37 read.

Group II, Figs. 10-12 and 6-8, upon which claims 1-19, 21-23, 33-35, and 39-40 read.

Group III, Figs. 13-16, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 24-26, and 33-35 read.

Group IV, Figs. 17-18, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 27, and 33-36 read.

Group V, Figs. 19-20, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 27, 33-36, and 40-41 read.

Group VI, Figs. 21-24, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 28, 33-36, 37, and 43 read.

Group VII, Figs. 25-26, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 29, 33-36, and 37 read.

Group VIII, Figs. 27-28, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 29, 33-36, and 37 read.

Group IX, Fig. 29, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 30-31, 33-36, and 37 read.

Group X, Figs. 30-32, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 33-35, and 37 read.

Group XI, Figs. 33-36, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 32-35, and 37-38 read.

Group XII, Fig. 39, upon which claims 1-19, 21, 33-35, and 37 read.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I corresponding to Figures 7-9, including claims 1-21, 33-35, and 37, for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants believe that claims 1-19, 21, and 33-35 are generic. Accordingly, if any of these claims are found to be generic and allowable, it is appreciated the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn and all claims which include the limitations of the allowable generic claims will likewise be allowed.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, so as to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An extension of time fee is deemed to be required for the filing of this response.

No additional fees are anticipated, but if such are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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